

John Stoker

1850-1950 Centennial Biography

John Stoker, son of John and Mary Marsh Stoker, was born August 4, 1856, in Doncaster, Yorkshire, England, and received a good education there. His father was principal of the school and his mother taught school.

When he grew to manhood, he went into the clothing business. He married Clara Swaby, August 7, 1882.

He could not decide what church to join until some Mormon Elders came to his town. He knew they had the truth, and joined the Church. He sold out his business and came to Utah with his family. He found conditions here very different from what he had pictured, and it was difficult to make a living.

He served as tithing clerk before the division of wards in Lehi. He served one term as City Treasurer. He was one of the first men to take up dry farming here, and became successful in that line.

A lover of sports, fishing was his life-long hobby. He liked to take the boys “where the fish would bite”.

Upon the establishment of the Lehi Fourth Ward, he was appointed Bishop and served in that capacity for 20 years. He sent his son, John W., on a six year mission to Japan and his son Harry S. filled a mission in England.

He was beloved and respected for his integrity, and devotion by all who knew him.

He passed away November 9, 1939.